



# ***Wildland Fire Updates***

**July 23, 2013**  
**Last Updated: 9:30 am**

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**Report Fires: 911**  
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**Updates are provided as significant changes in activity occur.**

## **7/23 Kenai Peninsula Update**

The Copper River Basin, Mat-Su valley, and Kenai Peninsula remain warm and dry. Due to high temperatures on the Kenai Peninsula, with no relief from precipitation, the Division of Forestry has activated a Burn Suspension, which is directly tied to the Burn Permit program (<http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>). The Burn Suspension will remain in effect until relief from fire danger occurs.

Campfires are permitted, but must be kept small. Unattended and abandoned campfires are a source for wildfires. A safe campfire is one that burns only the vegetation that you add to it. Check with landowners or managers for information about local regulations before you build a fire. Locate campfires in places where they cannot spread. Keep tools and water on hand and do not leave a fire unattended. Thoroughly extinguish any heat by stirring it using a shovel or a stick to expose burning material while drowning it with water.

## **7/23 Statewide Fires**

A total of 61 fires are active statewide; two are staffed. According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, so far this year 486 fires have burned 1,072,8878 acres.

## **7/23 Information for Moon Lake and Tetlin Junction Ridge Fires**

<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3459/>

## **7/21 Stuart Creek 2 Fire (#280) Fresh crews on board with mop up efforts well under way**

### **Evacuation Watch for the Chena Hot Springs Road between Mileposts 27 and 39 has been lifted.**

The Evacuation Watch along Chena Hot Springs Road between Mileposts 27 and 39 has been lifted by the Interagency Incident Management Team, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Fairbanks North Star Borough and the Alaska State Troopers.

Five new crews arrived yesterday to assist in the mop up and rehabilitation efforts aided by weather conditions. The fire perimeter continues to receive precipitation totaling 1" to 2" on rain within the past 48 hours. The rain will assist in extinguishing remaining hot spots within the interior, which will result less smoke visible for residences along the Chena Hot Springs corridor. Fire Managers plan to fly the perimeter of the fire today, using infrared technology to check for hot

spots.

The fire remains at 57% contained and is 85,475 acres. 529 firefighters are currently assigned to the fire. The west side of the fire remains fully contained. Air resources will continue to provide air support within the interior and on the northeast flank as needed

For more information on the Stuart Fire, please call: (907) 451-0597 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.); follow on Twitter: #StuartCreek2 #AK #AKMID or visit: <http://inciweb.org/incident/3468/>

### **7/21 State Parks access also lifted along with exceptions.**

Access restrictions on the Chena River State Recreation Area between MP-27 and MP-50.5 were also lifted. However, the exception remains on the south side of Chena Hot Springs Road between MP-27 and MP-39, which will remain closed. The entire Chena Hot Springs Road and the Chena Hot Springs Resort remain open. For more information please; 907-451-2695

### **Smoke**

All communities near the fire will see less smoke due to a wetter trend forecasted today and throughout the weekend. In the evenings and morning, smoke may sink to the lower elevation communities like North Pole, Fairbanks, and Eielson AFB. For information on smoke conditions, visit this website: <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>. Smoke can pose health concerns for the public. Residents are encouraged to visit the "Protect Yourself from Smoke" website for smoke protection information at <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Wildfires/>.

It is very important that homeowners take time to create defensible space. The Alaska Firewise brochure provides guidelines for emergency preparedness and measures that can be taken to prepare a home and property for wildland fire. <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>.

Information on travel conditions and fire-related road closures can be found at <http://511.alaska.gov>.

Keep informed of local fire information sources and air quality reports. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has smoke information at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm> and <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/smokemain.htm>. For "Frequently Asked Questions" visit [http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smoke\\_qa.htm](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smoke_qa.htm).

**"You are responsible for every fire you start"**

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### **Information Gathering/Additional References**

[www.inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov)

[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

Alaska Fire Service account: **@BLM\_AFS**

Alaska Division of Forestry account:

**@AK\_Forestry** Bureau of Land

Management account: **@BLMAAlaska**

National Park Service account:

**@AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service account:

**@USFWSAlaska** Alaska Fire Consortium:

**@AKfirescience** [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

BLM Alaska Fire Service account: **BLM Alaska Fire Service**

Alaska Division of Forestry account:

**AK.Forestry** Bureau of Land

Management account: **BLMAAlaska**

National Park Service account:

**AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service account:

**USFWSAlaska** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AlaskaDNRDOF**

National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
- Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
- Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Interagency Newsroom (Media Guide): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials:  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Alaska Fire Consortium: <http://akfireconsortium.uaf.edu>
- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and
- <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- BLM Alaska Fire Service: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.alaska.gov>
  - Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/nature/fire/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire>
  
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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